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SUBJ: KUWAITI ARMS PURCHASES

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR MAY 12 TOLD CHARGE HMG REMAINS CONFIDENT IT WILL BE ABLE TO EVENTUALLY NEGOTIATE SALE BRITISH CHIEFTAIN TANK TO GOK AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ASSURANCES HE SAID HAD BEEN GIVEN BY DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY SOBER IN LONDON PRECEDING WEE THAT USG CONTINUES TO SUPPORT GOK PURCHASE OF CHIFTAIN. AMBASSADOR ADDED CAVEAT THAT, IN HIS VIEW, GOK REMAINS ENTIRELY CAPABLE OF "BREAKING OFF CURRENT TALKS WITHOUT HAVING VIABLE ALTERNATIVE".

2. MINDEF SHAIKH SA'D MEANWHILE HAS CONFIRMED HE WILL ACCOMPANY AMIR ON PLANNED STATE VISIT TO FRANCE IN LATE MAY AND WILL FRENCH MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND "ARMAMENT FACTORIES" PER SCHEDULE BEING ARRANGED BY FRENCH HOSTS.
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